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Martin CALDWELL et al.) Confirmation No.: 1585
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated April 19, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application. In response and in accordance with Rule 1.116 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks for the purpose of allowance, or in the alternative, to narrow the issues on Appeal.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

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